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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SHABA POST-MORTEM

1. WHEN I MET WITH FOREIGN OFFICE STATE SECRETARY VAN WELL ON MAY 22 (SEPTTEL) HE SAID GENSCHER WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS THE GROWING CUBAN/EAST GERMAN ROLE IN AFRICA DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. VAN WELL SAID THE FRG SEES A NEED TO CONSULT MORE CLOSELY WITH THE AIM OF FORMULATING A CLEAR, CONCERTED WESTERN RESPONSE TO THE INCREASINGLY WORRISOME SITUATION.

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2. VAN WELL EMPHASIZED THAT THE FRG FULLY ENDORSED THE FRANCO-BELGIAN OPERATION IN SHABA. HE NOTED THAT THE INVASION WAS IN PART CAUSED BY THE FAILURE OF THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT TO TACKLE THE SERIOUS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF THE COUNTRY. HE THOUGHT THE WEST SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE GOZ TO DO MORE IN THIS REGARD AND HE TERMED THE MOBUTU PLAN AN INSUFFICIENT RESPONSE.

3. VAN WELL NOTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA WAS IN PARIS FOR AN URGENTLY CONVENED MEETING OF SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADORS. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE FRENCH WOULD IMPRESS UPON BOTHA THAT SAG PLANS TO BEGIN VOTER REGISTRATION IN NAMIBIA WOULD BE A SEVERE BLOW TO THE CG'S INITIATIVE. HE DID NOT SAY THAT THE FRG HAD APPROACHED THE FRENCH ALONG THESE LINES BUT I ASSUME THIS IS THE CASE.
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